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FOLLOWING ARE BIO SKETCHES OF TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING JUSTICE MINISTER VAN AGT ON HIS VISIT TO THE US. (FOR BIO DATA ON VAN AGT, SEE REFTEL AND PREVIOUS BIO DATA REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT).

1. FONTEIJN, ABRAHAM JACQUES: BORN IN DORDRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS IN 1916. FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL (HOGE SCHOOL) IN 1934, AND JOINED MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. WAS POW FROM 1941-45 IN GERMAN PRISON CAMPS, LIBERATED BY 7TH ARMY IN 1945 IN FRANKFURT/MAIN AREA. RESUMED HIS DUTIES AT THE PRIVATE LAW DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. WAS IN CHARGE OF SEVERAL POST-WAR SETTLEMENT BUREAUS. CONTINUED, IN THE MEANTIME, HIS STUDY OF LAW IN LEYDEN AND FINISHED IT IN 1951. IN 1956 HE WAS APPOINTED HEAD OF THE ALIENS AND FRONTIER CONTROL DEPARTMENT. IN 1967 HE WAS APPINTED ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY-GENERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. SINCE 1973 DIRECTOR-GENERAL, HEAD OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. FONTEIJN HAS MADE TWO PREVIOUS VISITS TO THE US, BOTH SHORT, LAST ONE IN 1971, WHEN HE VISITED WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR
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2. ORANJE, LEENDERT: (N.B. FIRST NAME IS LEENDERT,
NOT LEONID AS REPORTED HAGUE 6147). BORN JULY 6, 1924
AT HAARLEMMERMEER, NETHERLANDS. 1937-1943 ATTENDED
"GYMNASIUM" AND FROM 1945-49, LAW SCHOOL AT AMSTERDAM
FREE UNIVERSITY. FROM FEB 1950 TO MARCH 1956 WORKED
IN LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF DUTCH NAVY, FROM AUGUST 1954 AS
DEPUTY CHIEF OF THAT DEPARTMENT. JOINED MINISTRY OF
JUSTICE IN 1956, WORKING IN DEPARTMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL
AND CRIMINAL LAW. 1959-1963 WAS ADVISOR ON LEGISLATIVE
MATTERS TO GOVERNMENT OF SURINAM. RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT
OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND CRMINAL LAW JUNE 1963, WHICH
DEPARTMENT HE WAS HEADED SINCE 1965, WITH RANK OF
"DIRECTOR" SINCE 1967. ONLY PREVIOUS VISIT TO US WAS
IN 1963, WHEN HE SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN NEW YORK CITY
ENROUTE TO NETHERLANDS FROM SURINAM.

3. BOTH MEN ARE TYPICALLY INTELLIGENT, HIGHLY-MOTIVATED
DUTCH CIVIL SERVANTS, THOROUGH-GOING PROFESSIONALS,
ARTICULATE AND INTERESTED IN THE EXCHANGE OF NEW IDEAS
AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION. THEY ARE BOTH WELL-DISPOSED
TO THE UNITED STATES AND HAVE AT ALL TIMES BEEN COOPERATIVE
AND HELPFUL IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE EMBASSY.
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